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I. a) PLAINTIFFS

James H. Gorbey, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of
Marissa Rose Fishman, deceased
and

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF Delaware
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

DEFENDANTS

Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc. d/b/a Air Base Distributing, Inc. d/b/a
Air Base Carpet Mart, Richard Longwill and Barbara Longwill

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT New Castle, Delaware

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT
OF LAND INVOLVED

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2. U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☒ 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES

For diversity cases only

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR
PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR
DEFENDANT)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding
☒ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Judge from Magistrate Judgment
Appeal to District

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/ PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Exc. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholder's Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employer's Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury--Med Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury--Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21, USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Safety/Health LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395FF) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RIS (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence HABEAS CORPUS: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights			

CIVIL COVER SHEET

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE)

Premises Liability 28 U.S.C. § 1332

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ YES ☐ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY
(See Instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE:

8.27.04

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

James C. Murphy

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RECEIPT # AMOUNT \$ APPLYING IFP JUDGE MAG. JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIACASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORMJames H. Gorbey, Jr., Administrator of the
Estate of Marissa Rose Fishman, deceased

CIVIL ACTION

v.

NO.

RICHARD LONGWILL,
and BARBARA LONGWILL,
and AIR BASE CARPET MART, INC.
D/B/A AIR BASE DISTRIBUTING,
INC. D/B/A AIR BASE CARPET MART
And AIR BASE DISTRIBUTING, INC.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See §1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to a clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

(a)	Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. §2441 through §2255	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b)	Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Service denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c)	Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 8.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d)	Asbestos -- Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e)	Special Management -- Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases)	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f)	Standard Management -- Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

August 27, 2004
(Date)Edward C. Mintzer, Jr.
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Distributing, Inc. d/b/a Air Base Carpet Mart,
Richard Longwill and Barbara Longwill
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Attorney for

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES H. GORBIEY, JR., Administrator of the
ESTATE OF MARISSA ROSE FISHMAN,
deceased

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD LONGWILL,
and
BARBARA LONGWILL,
and
AIR BASE CARPET MART, INC.
D/B/A AIR BASE DISTRIBUTING,
INC. D/B/A AIR BASE CARPET MART
and
AIR BASE DISTRIBUTING, INC.
Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO.:

FILED

AUG 27 2004 04cv4098

A TRUE COPY CERTIFIED TO FROM THE RECORD

DATE: AUG 27 2004

ATTEST: Steve Tomas

CLERK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Defendants, Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc. d/b/a Air Base Distributing, Inc., d/b/a Air Base
Carpet Mart, by and through their attorneys, Rawle & Henderson LLP, respectfully avers as
follows:

1. On or about March 16, 2004 a Complaint was filed by plaintiff, James H. Gorbey
(an Attorney in Media, Pennsylvania), as Administrator in the Court of Common Pleas of
Philadelphia County against Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc. d/b/a Air Base Distributing, Inc., d/b/a
Air Base Carpet Mart ("hereinafter Air Base"), Richard and Barbara Longwill in their alleged

official capacity as stockholders, and Richard and Barbara Longwill as individuals in connection with drowning of the Longwill's granddaughter, which occurred on August 30, 2002 at the home of co-defendants Richard and Barbara Longwill located in Wilmington, Delaware. (*See* Exhibit "A" – Plaintiff's Complaint.)

2. Defendant Air Base Carpet Mart (hereinafter "Air Base") filed Preliminary Objections on or about April 12, 2004. Plaintiff filed an Amended Complaint on or about May 3, 2004 which was not served until May 11, 2004 .

3. Defendant Air Base filed a second set of Preliminary Objections on or about may 25, 2004. Plaintiff filed a second amended complaint on or about June 14, 2004.

4. Preliminary Objections to the Second Amended Complaint were filed on July 1, 2004. As a result, plaintiff filed a Third Amended Complaint on or about July 21, 2004.

5. As the Third Amended Complaint made few substantive changes, defendant Air Base filed Preliminary Objections to the Third Amended Complaint on or about July 30, 2004.

6. Plaintiff filed its Fourth Amended Complaint on or about August 18, 2004.

7. The initial Complaint, being original process in this case, was first received by defendant Air Base no earlier than March 22, 2004. However, the complaint named as co-defendant Teresa Zavala Garcia, who as alleged to be a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

8. In the Fourth Amended Complaint, plaintiff has deleted Teresa Zavala Garcia as a named defendant. *See* Fourth Amended Complaint attached as Exhibit "B".

9. In the Fourth Amended Complaint, plaintiff demands damages in "an amount in excess of \$50,000. . . ." Specifically, plaintiff claims damages recoverable under the Pennsylvania Wrongful Death Act, and Survival Act "arising from Marissa Rose Fishman's drowning and subsequent death." (See Exhibit "B" – Plaintiff's Fourth Amended Complaint, ¶20.)

10. Based upon a fair reading of the Fourth Amended Complaint, plaintiff has set forth a claim in which an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limit of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs, may be at stake.

11. At all material times, plaintiff, James H. Gorbey, Jr. the Administrator of the Estate of Marissa Rose Fishman, is and was a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. (See Exhibit A – Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶1)

12. Defendant, Richard and Barbara Longwill, at all material times, were and are citizens of the State of Delaware. (See Exhibit "B" at ¶6.)

13. Defendant, Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc., at all material times, was and is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal and only place of business in New Castle, Delaware.. See Exhibit "B" at ¶4.)

14. At all times material hereto, Air Base Distributing, Inc. is and was a Delaware corporation with its principal and only place of business located in Dover, Delaware. See Exhibit "B" at ¶5.)

15. This action satisfies the diversity of citizenship requirements for removal within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. §1332 in that:

a) Plaintiff's and Defendant's citizenships are diverse;

1) Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2) Defendant, Richard and Barbara Longwill are not citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3) Defendants, Air Base Carpet Mart, Inc. and Air Base distributing, Inc., at all material times, were and are corporations incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with their principal places of business located in New Castle and Dover, Delaware, respectively.

b) the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional amount of \$75,000.

16. Furthermore, diversity of citizenship between these parties existed at the time the action sought to be removed was commenced and continues through the time of filing of this notice, such that defendant is entitled to removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441, as amended, and 28 U.S.C. §1446.

17. This Removal is timely filed within thirty days of receipt of the Fourth Amended Complaint in which Ms. Garcia was no longer named as a co-defendant, thus, it became apparent that this matter was removable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1446 (b).

18. For the reasons set forth herein, including the parties' diversity of citizenship and the amount in controversy as alleged by plaintiffs in excess of the jurisdictional amount,

defendants are entitled to removal pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1441 as amended, and 28 U.S.C.

§1446.

19. Richard and Barbara Longwill, as individuals, are represented by Daniel J. Hart of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman and Goggin.

20. The co-defendants, Richard and Barbara Longwill, through their attorney consent to the removal of this action. (See Affidavit of Daniel Hart attached as Exhibit "C").

RAWLE & HENDERSON LLP

By: 

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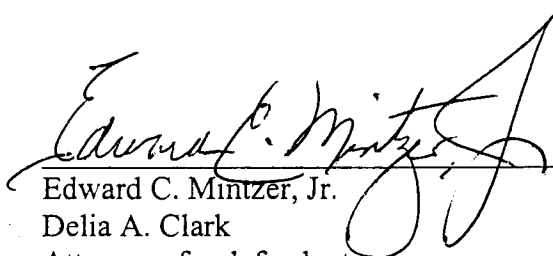
Dated: August 27, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was served upon the following parties by First Class, U.S. Mail on the date below:

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